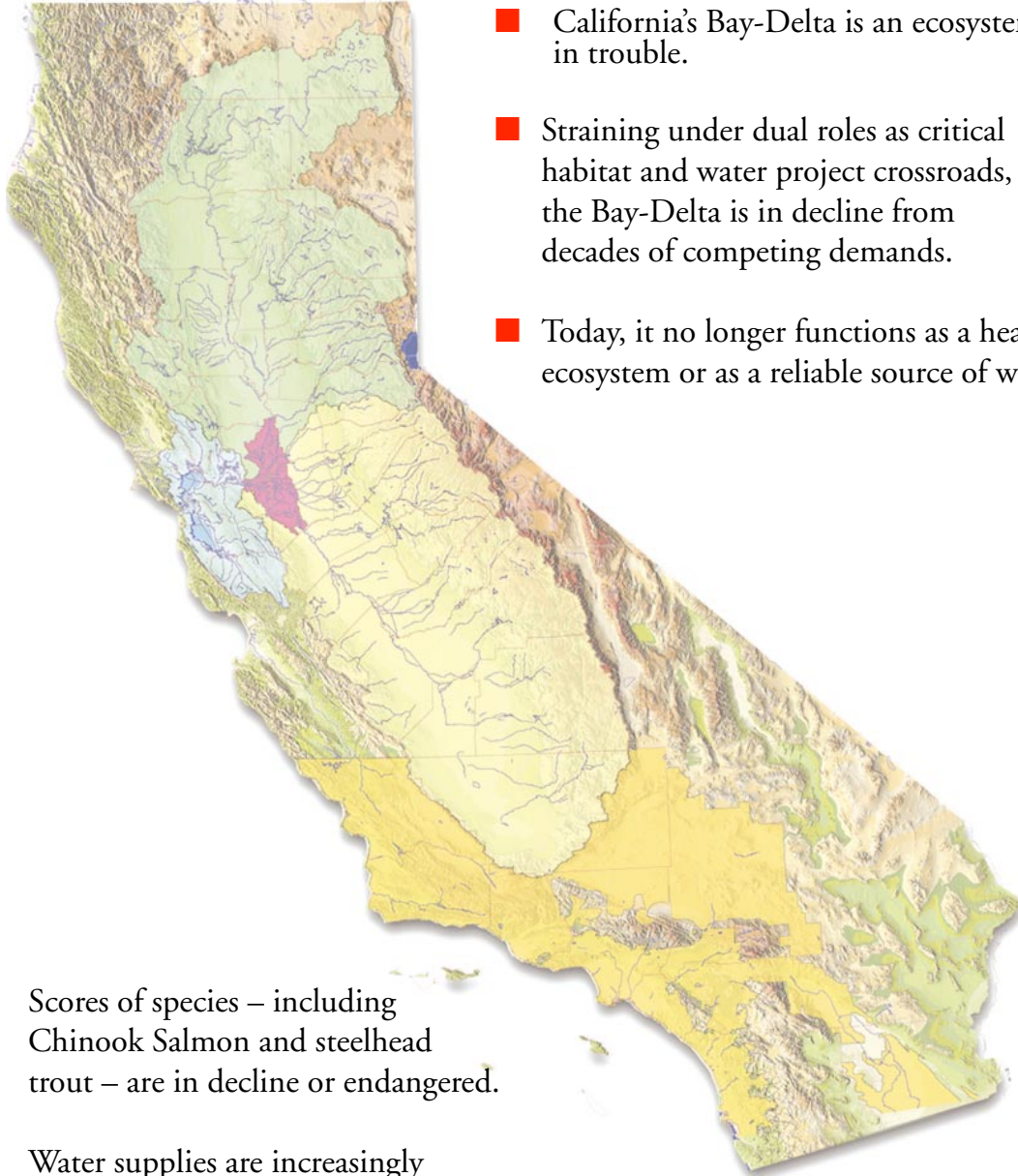


Defining the Bay-Delta Conflict



- California's Bay-Delta is an ecosystem in trouble.
 - Straining under dual roles as critical habitat and water project crossroads, the Bay-Delta is in decline from decades of competing demands.
 - Today, it no longer functions as a healthy ecosystem or as a reliable source of water.
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- Scores of species – including Chinook Salmon and steelhead trout – are in decline or endangered.
 - Water supplies are increasingly unreliable, jeopardizing the world's sixth largest economy and 7 million acres of unsurpassed agricultural lands.
 - Water quality continues to degrade, making it difficult and expensive to meet drinking water standards.